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(Note by the secretariat)

The second part of the Note by the secretariat on amendments to the rules of procedure of the Commission (E/CN.12/814) suggests that at its thirteenth session the Commission should consider the possibility of dispensing with summary records for its meetings.

After this Note had been issued, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution 2478 (XXIII) on 21 December 1968 entitled "Pattern of conferences", operative paragraph 10 of which reads as follows:

"10. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1379 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and, in particular, paragraph 2 of that resolution, whereby the Council requested those of its subsidiary organs which have not yet done so to consider at their next sessions dispensing with [summary] records for their meetings and for those of their own subsidiary bodies in the future; and in this connexion called to their attention the decision taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to replace summary records by shorter minutes, while reserving the right to ask for a summary record in respect of any discussion which required exceptional treatment;".